

Principal Linc June 7, 2009

Thank You, Parents

As the year comes to an end, let me take this opportunity to thank you for the many ways you have contributed to Lincoln School. So many of you serve on committees, in classrooms and even help from home. Many of you volunteer for jobs not affiliated with the LSPA around the office and outside. Your Direct Appeal contributions have funded enrichment programs, professional development, technology, playground equipment, classroom supplies and so much more. Thank you for the most recent appropriation of an Activeboard. Interactive technology is catching on at Lincoln. A special thanks to our LSPA officers, Jenny Splaine, Linda McDonough, Bridget Stump, Margaret Pulsifer and Susan Fagerstrom. It was a pleasure working with them this year. Lincoln School is thriving because of all of your efforts. The staff and I are so appreciative of all you do.

New Website

Aren't we so slick with our new LSPA website? I love it. With over 300 families and 450 students, the website will be an effective and timely communication tool. Starting in the fall, I would ask that you check the website for almost all information before calling the office. What a great resource for parents and even staff to find everything they need to know about Lincoln School in one place. Check it out at HYPERLINK <http://lincolnsipa.org> Thank you to Chuck and Jen for creating that website for us.

Fabulous Field Day

A great time was had by all on Friday. The weather was cooperative and the two sites ran so smoothly. Thank you to Andrea Cogan, Aimee Doherty, Emily Ehl, Jill Arahamsen and all their helpers. It was a team effort and a lot of work.

Staff News

Because of enrollment shifts, there will be four straight first grades and four fourth grades next year. Jen Samson and Kathy Kennedy will both teach grade one and Ella Adams and Tricia Wallace will teach grade four. All four teachers are excited about these opportunities. In keeping with our placement policy, parents may request that their child not have the same teacher again. Please get that request to me via email or a hand written note by **Friday, June 12**. Jen Wolf has accepted an offer to be a school psychologist in Westford, much closer to her home. Jen brought her empathy and experience to every encounter. We will miss her but wish her well in her new position. We have begun interviewing for her replacement and will begin the kindergarten interviewing as early as this week. I will let you know as soon as we have finalized our hiring.

*Please do not distribute party invitations at school. When gathering your party guests here at school, please be as low key as possible in consideration of other children who are not included.

*Grade 5 Parents: When purchasing backpacks for next year, note that book bags of any kind must be able to fit into students' lockers which are 12 inches wide, 11 inches deep, and fifty inches high (5 feet). All McCall students must keep backpacks in their lockers during the day.

With the forecast of rain for the next few days, we will hold the Lincoln School Used Book Sale from 5:30-7:00 in the cafeteria but the picnic has been cancelled.